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Who Is It?

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Now and then one comes across a portrait published in books or journals where the attribution seems to be at least doubtful. Assuming that some of our colleagues have had the same experience, I suggest that *Historia Mathematica* publish such pictures, as occasion arises, hoping that our readers will be able to help with the exact identification of the mathematicians or scientists represented.

To begin, I here present two such portraits. The first scholar (Fig. 1) is supposed to be Carl Gustav Jacob Jacobi (1804–1851). This portrait, however, is so different from those usually shown that I have great doubts that this attribution is correct.

The second scientist (?) (Fig. 2) is said to be Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777–1855). It is here reprinted from a photograph that came to the Deutsches Museum in Munich some decades ago. Again I think it differs so much from other well-known Gauss portraits that it is most likely representing a different person.

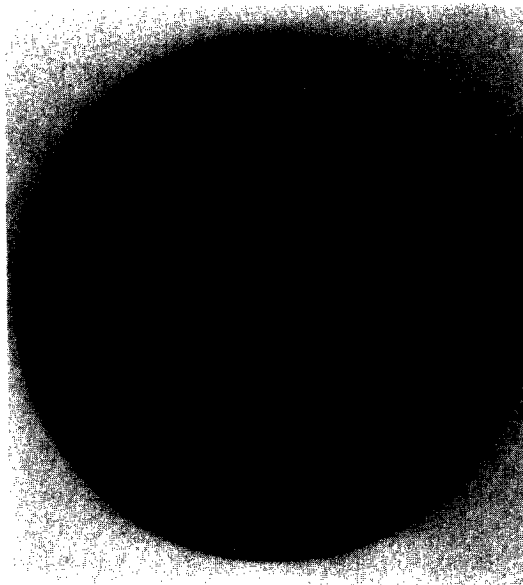


FIG. 1. Carl Gustav Jacob Jacobi (1804–1851).



FIG. 2. Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777–1855).

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HM will of course later publish the correct attribution of these portraits in case the incoming information leads to a positive result.